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1. BIGGEST AND MOST WELCOME NEWS OF THE WEEK WAS TERMINATION OF THE FOUR WEEK OLD CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE ON MAY 2. DETAILS OF THE SETTLEMENT, WHICH WAS A VICTORY FOR THE WORKERS , WERE REPORTED IN MANAGUA 2254 AND PREVIOUS.

2. MAY DAY PASSED WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS INCIDENTS. VARIOUS WORKER ORGANIZATIONS HELD THEIR TRADITIONAL RALLIES AT CITIES OUTSIDE MANAGUA THIS YEAR BECAUSE MARTIAL LAW IS STILL IN EFFECT IN THE NATIONAL DISTRICT. STUDENTS ATTENDED IN FAIRLY LARGE NUMBERS AND SIZEABLE NATIONAL GUARD CONTINGENTS PATROLLED THE AREAS BUT NO CONFRONTATIONS
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TOOK PLACE.

3. AS REPORTED MANAGUA 2216, GENERAL SOMOZA AND CONSERVATIVE LEADER PAGUAGA HELD INITIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE POST- EARTHQUAKE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE PACT AND AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY GO AHEAD WITH THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (CEDULACION). GENERAL SOMOZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS INSISTING THAT PAGUAGA PRESENT A STRONG LEGAL CASE TO SUPPORT HIS CLAIM TO THE PCN PRESIDENCY AS A PREREQUISITE TO SOMOZA ENTERING INTO ANY FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH HIM.

4. SINCE MAY IS THE TRADITIONAL MONTH FOR CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND REASSISGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN THE NATIONAL GUARD ARE USUALLY ANNOUNCED DURING THE MAY 27 COMMEMORATION OF ARMY DAY, RUMORS OF SUCH SHIFTS ABOUND. ON MAY 2 MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JOSE MARIA CASTILLO HOSTED A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE HIS RESIGNATION. CASTILLO' S DESIRE TO LEAVE THE GOVERNMENT AND RETURN TO HIS MANY PRIVATE INTERESTS HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME. NO REPLACEMENT HAS YET BEEN NAMED.
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